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## **NEW JERSEY CITY POLICE RIVER OPERATIONS VESSEL TO BE NAMED AFTER FALLEN POLICE OFFICER MARC ANTHONY DINARDO**

**JERSEY CITY-** Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, the Jersey City Police Department and the Office of Emergency Management will dedicate the new Jersey City Police Department River Operation Vessel the “P.O. Marc Anthony DiNardo” at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at the Newport Marina, 2 Sixth Street (Washington Blvd.).

Jersey City Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security secured funding for the vessel in the amount of \$526,000, through the Urban Area Securities Initiative grant (UASI) which was administered by the Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness (OHSP) for NJ State under the FEMA/DHS.

This vessel will be used for such things as river patrol and rescue efforts, and as a UASI asset can be deployed to any UASI area.

“The River Operations Vessel is a necessary public safety measure that will enhance security along our waterfront,” said **Mayor Healy**. “This new vessel will allow us to update rescue plans and rescue preparedness operations which will increase our ability to respond to emergencies.”

The River Operations Vessel is equipped with all necessary electronics to be a command center on the water. It is a 31’ full cabin Emergency Marine Treatment (EMT) vessel with an 18 person capacity. The vessel features an extra wide chine at the bow to accommodate a 45” electronic actuating drop down bow with switches located at both bow and inside cabin locations to facilitate loading and unloading of personnel and /or gear during beaching operations which is used for floater recovery on Sixth St. and also provides the capability of bringing bomb squad robot onboard and bring it to offshore locations or vessels and to remote access areas for deployment.

“It is with great honor that we name the River Operations Vessel after our fallen hero P.O. Marc Anthony DiNardo,” added **Mayor Healy**. “This is a tangible reminder of his bravery, dedication and sacrifice. P.O. DiNardo’s legacy will live on as the vessel will serve to ensure peace and safety in our city which are the very rights he fought to preserve.”

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The onboard command center also features state-of-the-art technology, including a single remote control searchlight with control panel mounted at helm, Furuno Ultra High Definition digital radar system, Furuno GPS, FLIR thermo vision dual color lens navigator with marinized pan /tilt enclosure offering 360of visibility with remote internet access control, a Dual frequency side scan sonar with 150' cable, Furuno Weather station for real time weather data, DirecTV Satellite for real time media, a KVH Satellite phone to be used if normal communications are down, a Digital video recorder to record all Flir camera feeds and forward said feeds to the Jersey City OEM Command Center which is also capable of viewing real time JC OEM/Homeland Security Waterfront cameras.

The Jersey City Police Department River Operations Vessel is the first marine vessel to install Mutualink, an interoperable communications system which can transmit to either hand held radio, voice or text to any organization that has acquired the same system with a touch of button. The River Operations Vessel has the capability of instant communications with the Jersey City Command Center and Fieldcom Unit to address situational awareness. It also has the same capabilities to communicate if and when needed with all Hudson County hospitals, several counties including Essex and Paramus of which have the same system.

Additional features include an on board generator, a 7ft bench seat for victim treatment, and a Medical bag and defibrillator.

For additional information regarding the Jersey City Police Department River Operations Vessel and vessel specifications, please call the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security at 201-547-5566.

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